

STRANGE STORIES.

The Great Bay of San Sebastian Viscaino.

THE BIG ISLES OF THE PACIFIC.

Sailor's Yarns—Expert Prospectors—Hydrophobia and Mummies—The Strange American and His Peculiar Death.

ON BOARD SHIP, SOUTHERN PACIFIC, JUNE 17, 1889.—[Special Correspondence of THE HERALD.]—This queer peninsula, which has by far the longest shore line of any in the new world, is also the narrowest, being less than forty miles in one part between the Pacific ocean on one side and the Gulf of California on the other, and not quite one hundred and ten miles in the widest place. All along its coasts are many lagoons, most of which have

NEVER BEEN SURVEYED, and, therefore, their actual depth and extent are unknown. The largest of these on the western side is called San Ignacio, and is fully twenty-five miles long. On the two occasions when your correspondent sailed past it, the surface of the water was perfectly black with millions of wild fowl, which seem to have pre-empted the locality, and to have no little fear of that to them unknown creature, man, as to search for out of the way when a row boat was pushed in among them. There are several islands in this lagoon, two or three of them more than a mile long by half as broad; but what may be on them, or within them, no human being knows.

The great bay of San Sebastian Viscaino, the largest of the California coast, nearly five miles long—is like Easter's vision of "a wheel within a wheel," comprising a series of smaller bays, all opening into the larger one. All the early historians and navigators spoke with enthusiasm of this immense harbor, which, if the peninsula ever amounts to anything, agriculturally or commercially, will be the great outlet of future wealth. Near the northern end of San Sebastian bay is Cape Colnett—an old-looking headland of very dark-colored rock rising from a base of light sandstone, and extending for nearly one hundred to four hundred feet high. For many miles the shore retains this stunted appearance, as if of old-fashioned "barb" rock, composed of alternate strata of light and dark sandstone, a tolerable harbor, abreast of a remarkable gorge, from which the little village of Colnett may be seen, composed of more trees than houses, and situated mostly by Swains. This colony is under the immediate charge of a lady who deserves more than a passing mention, not only for her enterprise and industry, but for the unbounded kindness she shows toward those who, looking to her for guidance, have stalked their ill in the new country.

MRS. BUTTERFIELD, who was formerly, I think, from Cleveland, Ohio, is now in the meridian of life, an exceptionally handsome and well educated woman, as well as a most excellent and worthy one. She has gone heart and soul into the colonization scheme, has invested all her own money in it, and has now almost one hundred and fifty persons in her special district at Colnett.

Thirty miles south lies the island of San Vicente, or San Martin, as it is sometimes called—not more than a mile and a half in diameter, but a perfect circle in form, with two cone-like peaks near the center. One of these cones, nearly five hundred feet high, is an extinct volcano and has a crater forty feet deep. There is no vegetation on some of the rocky peaks, growing among some of the lava; but great numbers of sea and sea fowl resort to a sunny little flat on its east side, and to a lagoon on the south, which at half-tide, communicates with the sea.

Close by this point, nearly two hundred miles below the San Francisco border line, is San Quintin (pronounced Kin-toon), the finest land-locked harbor on the coast, which on the old maps and charts was set down as the "Bay of Eleven Thousand Virgins"—probably a mistake for the famous cathedral at Colono. The sea breaks heavily over the outlying rocks, but once inside, there is the safest of anchorages, protected by hills and mountains on every side. It is also known to sailors as "The Bay of Five Hills," from adjoining heights that have the appearance of islands. The bay itself is nine miles long, and nearly as wide on the north. Its water might be made the most valuable salt beds on the continent. For nearly fifty years these salt beds (here called salinas), have been indifferently worked by a few Mexicans, and the products sent to San Francisco.

The village of San Quintin is situated near the salt mines, five or six miles from the landing. The town is built on a distance of perhaps fifty miles up and down the coast, cut off by salt lagoons at either end, has an average breadth of ten miles between the sea and the mountains of good agricultural land. The mesa and is similar to that of the celebrated "red lands" of Upper California, while the lower valleys are especially adapted to the

CULTURE OF THE MISSION GRAPE, from which it is well known that a champagne can be made equal to the best of that from sunny France. Here and there may be found the ruins of deserted missions, surrounded by groves and vineyards, planted by the Jesuit fathers more than a century, and a half ago. Far away, fully fifty miles from the ocean, the lofty peaks of San Pedro Martin loom skyward from eleven thousand to fourteen thousand feet. The country between is practically unknown, and beyond the stupendous mountain wall, only thirty-five miles from it, lies the Gulf of California.

San Pedro is really one vast mountain, not a range of them, but a single mass with an average width of twenty-five miles, the crown and climax of that grand chain which forms the backbone of the peninsula. The gulf side of San Pedro is covered with extensive forests of pine and redwoods. Its three peaks at the extreme east, known as the Palomas (the Doves), have white cliffs, rising 2,000 feet higher, look like shaded sheets by contrast with deep canyons in their sides filled with dark trees. It is said that much of the surface of this wonderful mountain is as level as a plain, and that once you drive a mile of horses and a carriage for miles among the plains; while other portions are altogether inaccessible. Moose, black and white deer and mountain lions abound, mountain sheep are found in the foot hills, and antelope are plenty on the mesa. One who has been there says that no tourist or peon can do justice to the incomparable views unfolded from San Pedro Martin. Stand at a height of 12,000 feet, he could see the Gulf of California away down to the island partially washed—Angos de la Guardia, 100 miles distant in a direct line, and on clear days the Pacific may also be seen; but such scenes, however first glimpses brought even hardy Balboa to his knees, are the aid of eyes, to take the truth ranges, away, as the Mexican states. Somewhere, plainly visible, the Colorado river, running

from Yuma to the gulf, and a score of smiling valleys are spread out below like a great map. Directly in front of the bay and embryo town of San Quintin are the extinct volcanoes Conila and Moxo. Their yawning mouths are wide and deep, and judging from the vast amount of lava that rises in many places above the water's edge, must have been terribly active in days gone by. I picked up a clam shell at the edge of the lagoon, imbedded deep in the lava, indicating that the little creature was caught by the fiery stream as it came to the water's edge to see what was going on; but now having jack rabbits and rattlesnakes run unalarmed about the place where once a river of molten lava consumed living things.

Here, properly, the great bay of San Sebastian begins. Of its inner adjacent perhaps that named Lagoon Head is the most notable, with its 700 yards of break water, lying just below the twenty-eighth parallel.

The old Spanish charts called this "Cabo Negro"—a dark headland of volcanic origin, its highest peak, rising 475 feet above high water, being distinctly visible fifty miles below on clear days. There is Rosario bay, named from a bay by mission, which occupied a fertile valley a few miles inland; and the island and bay of San Geronimo—the latter a big, barren rock, covered with sand and guano; and a dozen others, all belonging to San Sebastian bay. Then there is Guadalupe island—a gigantic wall of rock, 4,000 feet high, which, seen from the deck of a vessel in the early morning, looks like some brown old castle whose "battered walls and donjon keep" can easily be imagined. Something at the top, which to the unaided eye looks like a line of rocks, seen through a glass develop into tall pine trees. This island is eighteen miles long by six wide, but so rough and broken along its shore as hardly allow room for a bird to put his foot, much less a human being. On its summit, however, 4,000 feet skyward, is a vast plain, partly covered with fine forests and watered by several springs—at present visited only by

SNAKES AND WILD BEASTS. In a little cove at the right is a small settlement (all Mexicans), now numbering less than a score since the soldiers, with whom the island was formerly garrisoned, have been sent to Guatemala. Great numbers of wild goats feed here, as on all the other islands, said to have sprung from the few originally put there by the banished Jesuits.

The first accurate accounts we have of this region are given in the report of Captain C. M. Stannum, who came in, 1838, with the first expedition on a whaling and sealing expedition. At that time the waters of San Sebastian bay were literally alive with whales, porpoises, and other huge marine mammals. Numbers of turtles and seals found secure breeding places along the shores, and many species of game were so abundant that acres of sand bank left bare by receding tides, were literally crowded with duck, snipe, etc. The whales were of the variety called "California Gray," and it is historically stated that between the years 1830-60, more than twenty-three thousand barrels of oil were taken from this section alone. The crop must have been quite exhausted, or the whales frightened away, for few are now seen here, though a few still grow to surprising size, often weighing from three to four hundred pounds.

The great island of Cortes, which divides San Sebastian bay from the Pacific, is twenty-one miles long by from four to nine miles wide, evidently of volcanic origin, and with numerous lofty peaks. One of the highest of these, rising nearly five hundred feet, has been named Ayres. Its sides are sheer cliffs, showing scanty patches of verdure here and there, with a fringe of cedar trees on top. Nearly the whole island is a succession of these precipitous bluffs and inaccessible peaks, each with its scanty crest of trees, a heavy surf constantly breaking on the basaltic reefs below. About the only domains of the island are deer, goats, rabbits and serpents; white seals, otters, and sea "elephants" resort to its shores in great numbers. The sailors spin a fantastic yarn about this island, but nothing I believe, has authority I can assure you that each turtle will lay as many as 200 eggs, every one of which will hatch; that every mother turtle digs a great number of holes in the sand, but deposits her eggs in only one of them, the others being merely "chilins" intended to deceive the searcher.

For much accurate report, has assigned great mineral wealth to this island. A few years ago, a company of prospectors (not very expert, as their doings will show), came down from the States to search for the said wealth. They were told that the island was covered with these old hills and see if they would disclose any secrets. They remained a couple of months, picking up all the glittering bits they could find, and just as they were leaving the island happened to gather up a few dull and uninteresting looking pieces which they did not suppose were of any account, but nevertheless they took them along. When mining experts came to overhaul their findings, everything was thrown away except these dull bits, which turned out to be copper ore of pure quality. But nothing I believe, has ever been done about it. If one had sufficient capital to work these Cortes copper veins, they might prove more valuable than many gold mines especially, noting that the Freese has been combined to buy up and control the copper interests of the world.

They tell us that HYDROPHOBIA IS FREQUENTLY COMMON among the animals, wild and domestic, of these islands, as all over lower California. Coyotes are said to be particularly subject to it, and then only do those cowardly creatures become really dangerous. Horats also have it, and grow terrible to encounter. Rabbits, deer and snakes seem to be exempt, though bitten. The theory among the natives is that the disempered originaries with skunks, which are much smaller here than in the United States, but not less voracious and, therefore, a lively war is carried on against those pests.

Though there were never any houses on Cortes island, a grave yard has been started, all the occupants of which, so far, "went to bed with their boots on." In minor parlance, fourteen years ago, a small schooner anchored off the coast, containing two Americans and a Chilian, who came to see what they could find. All went well enough for a few days—so the story runs—until the Chilian, craned with rum, concluded to murder his companions as they lay asleep in camp, and make off with their combined wealth. One he succeeded in killing outright, another was wounded very seriously, but the third was merely stunned. Deeming himself the only occupant of the lonely island, and therefore, safe from discovery or pursuit, the would-be murderer lay down to sleep off his late doings before seeking pastures new. Meanwhile the recovered American managed to get his wounded fellow down to the water's edge, intending to wait at the point where they came ashore, in the forlorn hope that some vessel would pass that way in time to save them from starvation. As the day passed, however, without result, the joy to see their own little barque get in the offing—while close by lay the Chilian, fast asleep on a rock with his sword-belt over his face to screen it from the sun. It is unnecessary to add that they lost no time in sending him after their dead comrade, and left the place as quickly as possible, having started the grave yard.

Part Bartolome, a little way below, has also its gruesome traditions. A couple of years ago, the captain of a man-of-war that they sailed these waters, lay down on the beach one afternoon with the usual rest, when a gun carriage, which had inadvertently been left loose, rolled over on him and

RENDERED HIS SLEEP ETERNAL. They put into San Bartolome and buried him close to shore; and during April of last year his friends came to take the body away and inter it in the Campo Santo of Macatlan. They found the corpse completely mummified, the flesh dried upon the bones and perfectly preserved. But the strangest part of the story is that, close to the captain's unmarked grave, lay the dead body of a young American—well dressed, with soft white hands that showed no signs of labor, with no indications of disease or marks of violence about him, and no scrap of paper to tell who he was or whence he came. In this dry air he may have lain there for months without decay or change. There was no trace of camp fire or other sign of habitation or food, no boat—nothing whatever to solve the mystery of why he came to that barren coast. It was the opinion of those who saw him that some fishing or hunting party (they sometimes come down the coast even as far down as this from San Diego or San Francisco, or up from La Paz), or may be some company of gentlemen prospectors had lost him on the island, or that some enemy or jealous rival had invited him here and set him away, leaving him to starvation in either case.

The Mexicans buried him in the same grave which had held their captain—and

there he is to this day, doubtless mummified by this time and yet perfectly preserved, but probably not until that day when the sea gives up its dead with the history of *extranero Americano* be known.

FANNIE B. WARD. Mr. J. F. Smith, editor of the Ft. Abencrombie Dakota Herald, says: "The most wonderful medicine I have ever met with, is Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. In case of colic, it gives speedy relief. On building trips I have found it indispensable. Put it in alkali water, it imparts a pleasant taste and prevents the painful diarrhoea, which alkali water produces." 25 and 50 cent bottles for sale by Z. C. M. I. drug department.

WHEELS AND WHEELMEN. Pembroke says: "Boys, we want to get out on a 50-mile run. Where shall we go, and when? All who have attended such runs have had enjoyable times, for at such times a man's best nature seems to be on the surface, and it is one continual pleasure. Let us get out and become acquainted more fully with each other. Any wheelman wanting to talk it up can call on Pembroke. Anyone can choose the route, and state the time. We can make a long run now and one the fall when the apples are on the tree. What's the matter with making a run to the lake next Sunday?"

Master Fred Odell received his Juno drop frame safety last week, and rode it quite expert both in road and riding. Cushing received another Columbia light roadster safety last week. Pembroke received two more boys' safeties last week for his young sons who are already displaying promising propensities. Look to your laurels, friend Pembroke, or you may be beaten at your own game by your own sons.

A wheelman's first duty Sunday morning: Read Tan Hana's column. The city of Salem, Mass., has appropriated \$5,000 for the purchase of a steam road roller. Were it not for the proverbial modesty of Salt Lake wheelmen no doubt some of them would have been elected our respected city council to this item with a suggestion of the economy of keeping hard by means of a road roller, the gravel which is hauled out on streets in summer and now hauled off again in the shape of mud in the spring.

The cycling club runs still continue to be the enjoyable affairs which has characterized them all since searching was prohibited. Liberty and the east and west drives are the favorite routes, and were taken by a well-attended run Monday last, accompanied by Mr. F. W. McCall, of Olathe, Kansas. Mr. McCall says some of our roads compare favorably with roads in other places, and he is out every day on his wheel.

A party of wheelmen escorted Mr. F. W. McCall to Fort Douglas Thursday last. The route going out was over the new road on First South street, which is excellent wheeling although rather a heavy grade. A stop at Fort Douglas to witness the dress parade and a return by way of South Temple street completed the run. In descending the fort hill, just at the steepest part, one of our local wheelmen, on a first-class ordinary, was seen to shoot forward at an alarming speed, and when overtaken at the foot of the hill explained what was considered reckless riding by showing the left side handle bar broken completely off and a disabled brake, leaving him in the dangerous predicament of having to do some very heavy back pedaling and at the same time steer with one hand. That a rider avoided a fall and severe injury is a matter of surprise to himself as well as to his friends, who congratulate him on the fortunate outcome of one of the most dangerous rides it is the lot of wheelmen to make.

Two collisions with teams, involving damage to the bicycle and in one case the backing of the large wheel, are reported, but particulars are not given. The Salt Lake cycling club's regular run starts from Pembroke's at 7 o'clock to-morrow evening as usual. No searching.

Jensen has wired for two Victor safeties for Cleve and Dopey, the first South street riders, who are the latest wheel converses. Welcome to the ranks. One of the prettiest pieces of wheeling roads to be found anywhere outside of paved streets is the newly graded road on First South street. It is a fine road, and compliment our road as an error on the good work.

M. H. McAllister is seen daily on our streets on his new Columbia bicycle. Some of the eastern bicycle clubs have been giving bicycle races for the benefit of the Johnston sufferers, while others have collected donations of clothing.

The "wheel men" column in THE HERALD is beginning to be very much appreciated. It is a most interesting item to be found in the paper, and is a most interesting item to be found in the paper, and is a most interesting item to be found in the paper.

M. R. Evans said one boy's safety last week and has a number of undated orders for low grade wheels. And now comes this quadracycle, suitable for either lady or gentleman, with a front seat for one of two children. Get one and give your babies an airing.

The League of American wheelmen issue a handsome programme of the league's tenth annual meet to be held at Hagerstown, Indiana, July 2, 3 and 4. Hagerstown offers good roads, beautiful scenery and unsurpassed hospitality, and the fortunate wheelmen who go are bound to enjoy themselves.

NOTICE. In accordance with the articles of association of the Gardiner Beach Road Club, the regular semi-annual meeting of the club will be held Tuesday evening, July 2, at 8 o'clock, at the office of the Union Pacific railway, for the transaction of such business as is provided by the by-laws.

P. L. WELLS, Secretary. SALT LAKE CITY, June 25, 1889. Advice to Mothers. Mrs. Winslow's SOOTHING SYRUP should always be used for children teething. It soothes the child, softens the bowels, cures colic, cures wind colic, and is the best remedy for Diarrhoea. Twenty-five cents a bottle.

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Grand street procession of the Trades Unions of this city and other towns of Utah, with appropriate banners and mottoes will be presented.

The G. A. R., Sixth United States Infantry, Twelfth Artillery, Military Band, Fire Department and many civic societies of the city will participate in royal style. Over sixty young ladies, beautifully and appropriately attired, representing the Thirteen Original States, the present Thirty-eight States, District of Columbia and Ten Territories of the Great American Union, with Two Cars of States and the Goddess of Liberty and Utah especially prominent, will form an attractive feature in the Grandest Procession ever presented in Utah.

A Delegation Two Hundred Strong will be down from Ogden. Thirty Dollars in Prices will be given for the best sustained character in the Antiques and Horribles presented in the procession. White & Sons Company, the well-known butchers, are engaged to furnish a prime ox, weighing 800 pounds, which will be roasted whole and served up by the popular caterer, Jeff Clark.

Prominent speakers have been engaged for the occasion and the best music secured, and no pains nor expense will be spared to make this celebration the very best that has ever taken place in the Territory. Half rates will be given on all railroads leading into the city. Come One! Come All! and bring your wives and children, and participate in a regular old-time celebration with the laboring classes of Utah. A full programme is published this morning.

R. G.